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FINALISATION OF ELEVENTH DEFENCE PLAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government failed to finalise the Tenth Defence Plan (2002-2007) in time as reported in The Times of India dated July 6, 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether the Government has now taken any steps to finalise the Eleventh Defence Plan (2007-2012) which is scheduled to begin from 2007 in time; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Tenth Defence Plan projections were formulated by the Ministry of Defence and an overall Plan size was accepted by the Ministry of Finance in December 2004 subject to the actual allocation for Defence being dependent largely on resources available with the Government at the relevant point of time, capacity to utilize funds, pace of expenditure, contractual agreements and other committed liabilities.

(c) & (d): After detailed discussions with the Services and HQ IDS, the Ministry of Defence has formulated the 11th Defence Plan which is currently under consideration of the Ministry of Finance.